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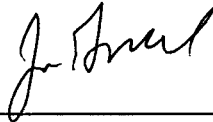
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TO: Energy and Environment Committee

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SUBJECT: Energy Summit

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Approve staff's involvement in organizing an Energy Summit in 2006.

SUMMARY:

To assist in the development of the RCP Energy Chapter, SCAG staff is requesting approval to plan an Energy Summit to be held in early 2006.

BACKGROUND:

SCAG staff attended the Denver World Oil Conference on November 10-11, which drew an audience of more than 425 business people, students, members of industry, policy makers, and academics from around the country. The conference generally focused on planning for the transition from a petroleum-based economy. The first day of the conference analyzed the supply of petroleum with presentations that the world has or will reach peak oil production, with a potential 4-6% decrease thereafter. The second day focused on alternatives to oil (e.g., natural gas, biodiesel, hydrogen, etc.) as part of a strategy to reduce oil consumption. Presenters also identified the land use – transportation linkage, identifying “smart growth” strategies to address oil depletion.

To assist in the development of the RCP Energy Chapter, SCAG staff would coordinate an Energy Summit for early 2006. The general concept is to hold a half-day event to present information on energy supply and demand with a discussion of strategies to reduce demand. Speakers would represent various interests including, but not limited to, oil, gas, renewables, and alternative fuels.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The staff resources for coordinating the Energy Summit are contained within the FY 2005-2006 OWP. Any additional funds will be secured through sponsorships.